Section 1. With respect to all judicial vacancies that currently exist or that may arise between the present date and the end of my term as Governor, the process contained in Executive Order No. 86 shall be modified as set out herein. For such vacancies, I will exercise my constitutional and statutory authority to fill the vacancies without first receiving nominations from the Commission. However, I plan to consult with individual members of the Commission as I deem appropriate to seek their input regarding the qualifications of specific candidates for appointment.

<u>Section 2.</u> I urge future Governors to continue utilizing the Commission to assist them in filling judicial vacancies for all of the reasons set forth in Executive Order No. 86.

<u>Section 3.</u> This Executive Order is effective immediately and supersedes all other Executive Orders on this subject. It shall remain in effect until the end of my term as Governor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this 5th day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-seventh.

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Beverly Paves Perdue Governor

Secretary of State

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